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POST SUBMITS FOLLOWING NOMINATIONS FOR SUBJECT SEMINAR:

1. NOMINATIONS:

A. JOAQUIN FONSECA TRUQUE, FOREIGN OFFICE UNDERSECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES. FONSECA IS SENIOR FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL WHOSE MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE LOS MATTERS. HE IS INFLUENTIAL IN THE FORMULATION OF POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS AREA. HE IS PROBABLY MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL ON LOS AND HAS BEEN AN ADVISOR TO COLOMBIAN DELEGATIONS TO LOS CONFERENCES SINCE 1971. AGE ABOUT 45. (N.D.I.)

B. MARIANO OSPINA HERNANDEZ. CONSERVATIVE SENATOR SENATOR OSPINA HAS A STRONG, LONG-TERM INTEREST IN THE MANAGEMENT AND EXPLOITATION OF OCEAN RESOURCES. HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CREATION OF THE COLOMBIAN INSTITUTE FOR OCEANOGRAPHIC STUDIES AND IS PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTION. HE IS PREPARING LEGISLATION ON OTHER ASPECTS OF THIS SUBJECT. OSPINA IS KNOWLEDGEABLE, SERIOUS AND INFLUENTIAL. AGE ABOUT 45. (N D I)

C. JOSE MARIA MORALES SUZREZ. GRANDSON OF FORMER PRESIDENT MARCO FIDEL SUZAREZ, AMBASSADOR MORALES IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
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(THE FOREIGN OFFICE'S EQUIVALENT OF FSI) AND IS A MEMBER OF

THE MINISTRY'S PLANNING OFFICE. AS HEAD OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE'S TRAINING INSTITUTE HE IS IN A POSITION TO PASS ON TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COLOMBIAN FOREIGN SERVICE INFORMATION AND INSIGHTS GAINED THROUGH ATTENDANCE AT THE SEMINAR. (N D I)

2. ALTERNATES

A. AUGUSTO ESPINOSA VALDERRAMA. ESPINOSA IS A LIBERAL PARTY LEADER AND REPRESENTATIVE IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WITH A VARIETY OF EXPERIENCE IN POLITICS AND FINANCE. HE IS A FORMER MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, A FORMER SENATOR AND PAST GENERAL MANAGER OF THE AGRARIAN BANK. HE IS A REGULAR CONTRIBUTOR OF ARTICLES ON LOS MATTERS TO COLOMBIA'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS WEEKLY MAGAZINE OF POLITICAL OPINION NUEVA FRONTERA. AGE 56. (N D I)

B. VIRGILIO BARCO VARGAS. BARCO IS A LIBERAL SENATOR AND ONE OF COLOMBIA'S MOST IMPRESSIVE POLITICAL FIGURES. HE WAS TWICE A MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT, MAYOR OF BOGOTA, AMBASSADOR TO THE UK AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE IBRD. HE IS CONCERNED WITH LOS AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY MATTERS, AND HAS BEEN DESIGNATED COLOMBIA'S DELEGATE FOR THE VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE HABITAT IN 1976. AGE 53. (N D I)

3. ADDITIONAL BIO INFORMATION AVAILABLE PENDING CONFIRMATION OF CANDIDATES.
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